GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT OF TEA FROM SRI LANKA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to import of tea in large quantity from Sri Lanka, the domestic tea industry has been affected very badly;

(b) if so, the total quantity of tea imported from Sri Lanka during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, till date;

(c) whether the Government are considering to impose ban on import of tea, particularly from Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Quantities of tea imported from Sri Lanka are neglible and less than 0.5% of our production. No adverse affect on the domestic tea industry has been noticed due to such imports.

(b) Import of tea from Sri Lanka during 1999-2000 and April to July, 2000-2001 was 2.91 mn. Kgs and 0.70 mn Kgs respectively.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.